

SIDING & TRIM

Design Guidelines

- SD1** Do not replace missing wood features with conjectural or falsely-historic reconstructions or with newly-designed elements that are incompatible with the building's size, scale, material, or color.
- SD2** Photographically document architectural features that are slated for reconstruction prior to the removal of any historic fabric.
- SD3** Consider using contemporary wood siding, which conveys the visual appearance of historic siding, when replacement of such materials is required.
- SD4** Do not use textured plywood (T-111) vertical siding. It is not an appropriate substitute material.
- SD5** Do not install artificial stone, asbestos shingles, or asphalt shingles over or as a replacement for exterior siding.
- SD6** Orient all replacement siding horizontally, unless there is sound, historic documentation for a different original orientation.
- SD7** Do not install vinyl or aluminum siding on primary elevations on historic buildings. Retention of exposed original wood siding is always preferred; however, if a decision is made to apply siding, to side and rear elevations, it should be done in a way that does not obscure or damage historic ornament, such as fishscale shingles, window casings, sills, hoods, brackets, and cornerboards. [Note: The prohibition against vinyl or aluminum siding on primary elevations does not apply in the Clifton Preservation District.]
- SD8** Use only vinyl or aluminum siding that matches the dimensions of the original siding. Generally, smooth-faced, narrow-profile siding (3" or 4" depending on the character of the existing siding) is acceptable for installation on secondary elevations (on all elevations in the Clifton Preservation District). Wherever possible without causing damage to historic fabric, trim, such as cornerboards, should project slightly beyond the vinyl siding.
- SD9** Make sure that removal, handling, and disposal of lead- and asbestos-containing paint complies with all local, state, and federal standards.
- SD10** Do not remove exterior siding to install insulation within the exterior walls of historic wood frame construction. This can result in damage to historic fabric. Installation of insulation with a proper vapor barrier should be done from the interior.